

LSBME PA Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Saturday, August 08, 2015

The Physician Assistant Advisory Committee to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners met on Saturday, August 08, 2015, in room XG-11 at University Health Hospital, 1541 Kings Highway, Shreveport, LA 71103. The meeting was called to order at 3:35 PM by Mr. Betzing.

Committee Members Present

Kenneth W. Betzing, MPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA; Committee Chairman
John Hendrick, PA-C
Mitch Martin, PA-C
Laurie Greer, MD
T. Steen Trawick, MD

Review of Last Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from Saturday, November 11, 2013 were reviewed and approved without changes.

Introduction of New Committee Members

Mr. Hendrick and Mr. Martin were introduced to the Committee and allowed to give a brief introduction. With the resignation of the Committee's Secretary, Julie Edmiston, PA-C, Dr. Trawick was elected to the position and immediately assumed the duties of the office.

Old Business

There was no old business carried over from the previous meeting.

New Business

A. Potential Issues with promulgation of Act 453

Copies of Act 453, the previous Physician Assistant Practice Act from Title 37, the standing Rules regarding Physician Assistant practice from Title 46, and the Final Report from LSBME to the Louisiana House and Senate were provided to Committee members. This information was reviewed by the Committee and will be kept for future reference. The following potential issues with promulgation were discussed: Prescriptions for CII medications, New Clinical Practice Guideline forms, Clinical training prior to application for prescriptive authority.

I. Prescriptions for CII medications

Concern voiced from LSBME staff regarding PA prescriptive authority for certain CII medications was discussed. Concern focuses on two issues: lack of knowledge on many of the narcotics that could now be prescribed, and appropriateness of PA's prescribing ADD and ADHD medications. The Committee overwhelmingly felt that if prescribing "whatever" CII medication fell within the Supervising Physician's Scope of Practice there should be no restriction on use of that medication by the PA.

II. New Clinical Practice Guidelines forms

The Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants (LAPA) has forwarded some concerns regarding the Clinical Practice Guidelines to the Committee. First, LAPA is concerned with potential limitations on CII prescriptive authority; this issue is covered above. LAPA is also concerned with the requirement to list all medications the PA will be prescribing. LAPA recommends simply listing categories of medications or listing medications/categories of medications that will NOT be prescribed. Lastly, LAPA is concerned with Performance Plans, as well as chart reviews. They suggest the following:

"All PA's need to develop a performance review plan with their supervising MDs. This plan should include a minimum of "X" number of charts (to be determined by their supervising MDs) on a monthly basis. With the exception of:

- *New Grads with different primary practice site as Supervising MDs need 50% of all records for 1st 12 months*
- *Existing PA's who have shifted to a new field and have different primary practice site than supervising MD will need 50% of all records reviewed for 6 months*
- *Regardless of new grad or change in field, if you have same primary practice site, it is a set number on a monthly basis to be determined by supervising MD*
- *All Performance Plans should include a review of the documentation including plans of care, orders, referrals and a representative sample of prescriptions written by the PA"*

The Committee unanimously agreed with LAPA's suggestions.

III. Clinical training prior to application for prescriptive authority

LSBME staff requests clarification for future rule promulgation regarding Act 453's requirement of 500 hours of clinical training required to apply for prescriptive

authority. The standing rules require 1 year of clinical practice. Should a PA have 1 year of clinical practice or 500 hours of clinical training? The Committee unanimously agreed that since Act 453 states “five hundred clinical hours of training” that should literally be interpreted as “training” versus “practice”.

B. Recent Investigations

The Committee was updated regarding the previous inquiry regarding “Botox” parties.

C. Recent Disciplinary Actions

A list of all disciplinary actions taken against PA’s, since the last Committee’s meeting was reviewed. The Committee has asked that Mr. Betzing request further information as to why KMT had her license placed under summary suspension. He states he will contact Dr. Mouton regarding this issue.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was set for 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 17, 2015, in Alexandria, LA. Dr. Trawick will procur a location.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM, August 08, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Steen Trawick, MD; Committee Secretary